



## Amendment/Response Transmittal

Group Art Unit: 2863

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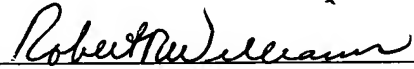
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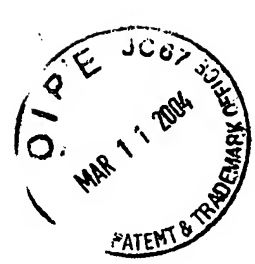
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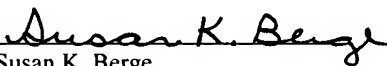
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Office Action mailed February 19, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on May 19, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10.